

# Common Sense Energy Policy

that protects our environment.

**Refineries:** 10% of domestic refineries are still off line due to Hurricane Katrina

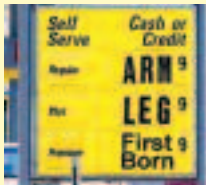
**China:** Robust economic growth is driving oil demand up 6% annually.

**Venezuela:** Hostile U.S. foreign policy jeopardizes Venezuelan oil imports.

**Nigeria:** Oil production is down 25% due to insurgency in Nigeria's Delta region.

**Iran:** Tensions over Iran's nuclear program and fear that Iran could use oil as a weapon by halting its 2.5 million barrels of daily exports.

## Why are Gas Prices so High?



Sick and tired of getting hosed at the pump? Since 2003, the price of gasoline has doubled and is now hovering at around \$3 a gallon. Here's what we can do about it;

### Short Term

- Implement temporary gas tax holiday on the 18.4 cent federal gas tax, paid for by rolling back \$15 billion in needless tax breaks for oil companies.
- Promote larger tax credits for fuel efficient and hybrid cars.
- Impose windfall profits tax on oil companies.
- Increase energy conservation by promoting the use of Metro, bicycling, the expansion of HOV Lanes, and carpooling.

### Mid Term

- Expand capacity by building government owned refineries to increase the gasoline supply.
- Provide larger tax credits to increase the sale of flexible fuel vehicles, which can run on gasoline, ethanol or other bio-fuels. These tax credits will create the market to boost the number of ethanol gasoline pumps. The use of flexible fuel cars in Brazil have been widespread, accounting for 53% of the country's car sales.

### Long Term

- Wean the U.S. off of oil by federally funding basic research and demonstration projects to develop hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.
- Improve foreign policy with oil and gas producers outside the Middle East (i.e. Nigeria, Russia, and Venezuela).

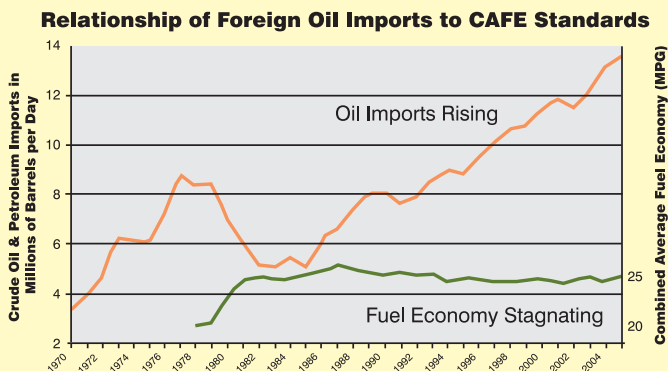


Left: Congressman Wynn test drives a Honda Civic Hybrid car. Emissions are 50% cleaner than the average new car. It gets 600 miles on one tank of gas, and is 30% more fuel efficient than the traditional Civic. Right: Congressman Wynn looks at a hydrogen powered motorcycle.

## Increasing Fuel Economy Standards

For years, automakers have claimed that fuel economy standards will force lay-offs. But last summer, when GM proposed to lay-off 25,000 autoworkers, it became evident that fuel economy standards were not the problem.

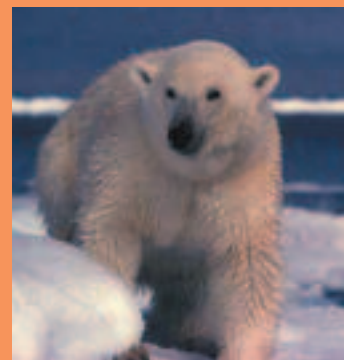
Rather, the lack of fuel economy in U.S. cars made U.S. automakers less competitive with their foreign counterparts. As a result, Congressman Wynn decided to support an increase in fuel economy standards from 27.5 to 33 miles per gallon when the issue came before Energy and Commerce Committee this year.



## Funds for a More Beautiful Maryland

- Since 2003, Wynn has secured approximately \$2 million to clean up the Anacostia River and restore its ecosystem.
- In 2005, Wynn helped secure \$13.4 million for the restoration of Poplar Island. The island is re-emerging in the Chesapeake Bay as a wildlife refuge. Offshore islands area unique ecosystem component in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

## Energy Policy that Preserves our Environment



Congressman Wynn voted for the following measures to preserve our environment:

- In December, Wynn voted against a bill to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). Drilling in ANWR would desecrate a pristine natural refuge and do nothing to reduce the price of gasoline today.
- In May, Wynn voted for an amendment preserving the Toxic Release Inventory Program, which insures public access to critical information about chemical and toxic dumping in our communities.
- Also in May, Wynn voted for an amendment to prevent coastal drilling and to preserve our nation's beaches.



*Congressman Wynn met with Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan, right, and D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams at the Anacostia River which impacts Prince George's and Montgomery Counties as well as D.C. They discussed plans for Anacostia Watershed clean-up activities.*

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